



Beaver Creek Fire

July 19, 2016, 8:00 am

Closures & Advisories:

Closure orders have been issued for the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management lands and can be found at: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4797>

Evacuation orders remain in place

Fire Size Today:

26,527 acres (estimated)

Containment:

5%

286 Firefighters:

4 crews, 24 engines, 1 dozer and 2 helicopters

Location:

24 miles north of Walden, Colorado

Fire is being managed on the Medicine Bow - Routt National Forests, BLM Kremmling Field Office, State of Colorado Lands, BLM Rawlins Field Office and Wyoming State Forestry Division

Started:

6/19/16 Cause is being actively investigated: Information or tips call U.S. Forest Service Officer Hannah Nadeau 307-343-2335

Management: Western Colorado Interagency—Team B Type 3 Incident Management Team

Summary:

Yesterday fire activity was diminished due to cooler temperatures, cloudy skies and higher humidity. This slow down in activity allowed firefighters time for a "tactical pause to get ready for the next round," according to Fire Behavior Analyst Rocco Snart.

Most of the fire activity was on the southwest side of the fire west of the Hill Ranch. However, there was limited growth. The cabin north of Hill Ranch in the burn area was protected and is reported to be fine. Aerial ignitions were used between the fire's edge and the 660 Road. In Parson's Draw, a brush masticator, which can chew up vegetation such as sage and small trees, completed the process of clearing out brush along the road. This is another measure to improve firefighter's ability to defend the homes there. The brush masticator has now moved to the northeast side of the fire between the Colorado-Wyoming border and 798 Rd and will be repeating the process to protect homes in that area. Crews continue to work on removing fallen trees along the fence line of the Trophy Mountain Ranch, the fence remains secure.

Today there will be an increase chance of thunderstorms over the fire area. Outflow winds from the storms and wind gusts up to 30 mph could cause spotting. Just 1/2" of rain is expected over the next several days and rain is only likely to fall on 40-50% of the fire area today. This small amount of rain will slow, but not extinguish fire activity. A drying trend will start Saturday and fuels will be readily available again.

Work today will focus on patrolling the recent burn areas, improving structure protection, and making plans for areas that will be impacted in days to come. Crews were encouraged to remain alert as thunderstorms could bring lightning, slick roads and other hazards.

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